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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 USC 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED  
OFFICE (DO/EO/US), AND SURCHARGE FEES AND TRANSLATION  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action (copy enclosed) dated June 22, 2005 respectfully submitted herewith is the English translation (24 pages) which is believed to be an accurate translation of the PCT/EP03/03869 application as originally filed in the German language. This translation is requested to be used as the copy for examination purposes in the Patent Office along with the simultaneously submitted Preliminary Amendment.

A Preliminary Amendment including an Abstract on a separate page is also presented to be entered simultaneously with the filing of these papers and before calculation of claim filing fees.

The executed PCT Combined Declaration was filed on October 18, 2004.

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I hereby certify that this accompanying Response to Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), English Translation and check 16280 \$130.00 surcharge, and claim fees are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 22, 2005.

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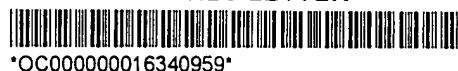
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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/18/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/18/2004
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 10/18/2004
- Copy of Annexes to the IPE filed on 10/18/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 10/18/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 10/18/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/18/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 10/18/2004
- Power of Attorney filed on 10/18/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- The translations of Annexes are canceled since the translations were not submitted prior to 30 months

the priority date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.* ✓

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